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OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY ROUTE 2 CLOSED TO NAVIGATION FROM CLEWISTON TO PORT MAYACA

CLEWISTON, Fla. -- The Okeechobee Waterway (OWW) Route 2 from Clewiston (S-310) to Port Mayaca (S-308) remains closed to all interests including navigation, commercial, and recreation use. Route 2 of the OWW will remain closed until further notice by the USACE. Route 2, commonly known as the rim canal, is closed due to large amounts of debris in the water from Hurricane Wilma.

The storm surge from Hurricane Wilma pushed aquatic vegetation and trees into the waterway creating hazards to navigation and navigation blockages. In addition to vegetative debris items including boats, recreational vehicles, and other miscellaneous debris is present from Southbay Boat Ramp to Rardin Park.

Route 1 of the OWW is open to all interests from WP Franklin to St Lucie. Mariners should proceed with caution due to increased debris in the waterway and missing navigation aids. Route 1 crosses Lake Okeechobee

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, Florida, 33440 or call 863-983-8101.